

CLAIMS

1. A process for producing lactoperoxidase comprising: a step (1) for bringing one or more milk materials into contact with a cation exchanger having weakly acidic groups as ion exchange groups to thereby effect adsorption treatment; a step (2) for washing the cation exchanger after said adsorption treatment; a step (3) for bringing said washed cation exchanger into contact with a leaching solvent which elutes lactoperoxidase, to thereby obtain a leaching solution having lactoperoxidase eluted into said leaching solvent; a step (4) for concentrating said leaching solution through an ultrafiltration membrane to thereby effect precipitation in the concentrated leaching solution; and a step (5) for obtaining a lactoperoxidase solution by removing the precipitation from said concentrated leaching solution.
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2. A process for producing lactoperoxidase according to claim 1, wherein a lactoferrin adsorption capacity of said cation exchanger is 85 mg/10 ml or more.
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3. A process for producing lactoperoxidase according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said ion exchange groups are carboxymethyl groups.
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4. A process for producing lactoperoxidase according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein, in said step (4), the concentration is performed so that a protein content in said concentrated leaching solution becomes 0.9 to 15%, to thereby effect precipitation.
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5. A process for producing lactoperoxidase according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein an ionic strength of the leaching solvent used in said step (3) is 0.07 to 0.3.
6. A process for producing lactoperoxidase according to claim 5, wherein the

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leaching solvent used in said step (3) is an aqueous solution containing at least one salt selected from a group consisting of sodium chloride, potassium chloride, calcium chloride, and magnesium chloride.

- 5 7. A process for producing lactoperoxidase according to any one of claims 1 to 6, further comprising a step for obtaining solid lactoperoxidase by removing the solvent of the lactoperoxidase solution obtained in said step (5).
- 10 8. A process for producing lactoperoxidase according to claim 7, wherein a purity of the solid lactoperoxidase is 80% or more.